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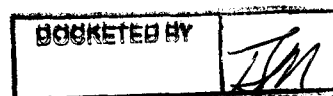
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Solana Generating Facility

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Sandra A. Fabritz-Whitney
Director, ADWR
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Re: Clarification to ADWR about March 18, 2013 Self-Certification Letter
CEC Docket Number L-00000GG-08-0407-00139, Decision Number 70638,
Case Number 139, and
CEC Docket Number L-00000GG-08-0408-00140, Decision Number 70639,
Case Number 140

Dear Ms. Fabritz-Whitney,

This is in response to ADWR's "Request for Clarification" issued on March 21, 2013 in regards of the term "*contribution*" we have used to describe the Four hundred and forty eight with 20 (448.20) Acre feet of water that the Solana project provides to the Bull Durnham Wash.

Section 3.6.3 "Environmental Consequences" of the Final Environmental Assessment, performed in May 2010 for the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee to Abengoa Solar for Solana Project, states "Because the Solana site is currently irrigated agricultural land, removing this land from agricultural production has the potential to result in indirect impacts to wetlands by reducing the amount of agricultural tailwater runoff returned to the irrigation reservoirs north of the Solana site. These irrigation reservoirs are one of many water inputs to Bull Durham Wash, which include adjacent farms and irrigation system operational spills. As a result, the Solana site represents a minor *contribution* (emphasis added) (approximately 3 to 5 percent) to the overall system which supports the riparian areas within Bull Durham Wash. Abengoa Solar would provide water to the head of Bull Durham Wash as a direct off-set for the portion of the reduced agricultural tailwater runoff that would otherwise remain in the irrigation reservoirs and contribute to operational spills. The off-set would equalize water lost as a result of the farm being taken out of production. Section 3.7 provides an expanded discussion of Bull Durham Wash and presents the analysis used to determine the off-set..."

"[...] As a result of the tailwater analysis, and in coordination with AGFD and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Abengoa Solar would provide 447 acre-feet of water

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annually as the direct off-set to the reduction in tailwater runoff from the farm. The off-set would equalize water lost as a result of the farm being taken out of production. Abengoa Solar has the option *to provide water either directly through one of its onsite wells or indirectly through an agreement with PIDD.*" (Emphasis added)

Due to the need of water for construction and operation, and the compliance of the recommendation of the Environmental Assessment in regards of providing 447 acre-feet of water annually as the direct off-set to the reduction in tailwater runoff from the farm, Abengoa Solar and PIDD entered into an Industrial Development Facilitation Agreement in 2010.

During the construction period of the Solana project, Abengoa Solar has required, in a monthly basis, to provide water to the Bull Durnham Wash following the schedule described in Table 1 set forth below. It is anticipated that during the operation of Solana the same water delivery schedule to Bull Durnham Wash will be followed.

- Table 1 -

Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Acre-ft	26	35	35	35	44	44	44	44	44	44	26	26	447

As of today, the water delivered to Bull Durnham Wash has been made through PIDD's facilities. It is anticipated that during the operation of Solana the same method will be used.

We hope this clarifies your inquiries. Should you have any question or any comment please let us know at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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